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**Cc:** Garbow, Avi[Garbow.Avi@epa.gov]; Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Harrison, Melissa[Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]  
**From:** Mitchell, Stacey  
**Sent:** Thur 8/13/2015 12:02:20 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Data Final Statement

List – don't know that one of us went out, but if it hasn't just wanted to let you know OGC clears.  
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On Aug 13, 2015, at 1:13 AM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

We are working on getting this statement posted and out.

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From: Harrison, Melissa  
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:08 AM  
To: Purchia, Liz; Mylott, Richard  
Cc: Davis, Tim; Hull, George; StClair, Christie; Valentine, Julia; Colaizzi, Jennifer C.; Smith, Roxanne; Distefano, Nichole; Vaught, Laura; Fritz, Matthew; Smith, Paula; Reynolds, Thomas; Russo, Rebecca  
Subject: Re: Data tonight

Team-below is the final statement for tonight. This needs to be:

1. Posted online as an update to the Gold King Mine site
2. Congressional/elected notification

3. Press release to HQ and regions
4. Please post the original data charts I sent to George Hull.

PLEASE CONFIRM WITH ME THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS INFO AND ARE PREPARED TO FULLFIL YOUR DUTY.

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, water quality samples were collected at numerous intervals beginning on Aug. 5, 2015. Samples were taken prior to the plume's arrival to establish a baseline for water quality comparisons. Each surface water sample was analyzed for 24 metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury.

Analysis now shows that water quality for the Animas River from the Silverton, Colo. area to the Durango municipal water intake has returned to pre-event water quality levels. These results are based on validated sampling data collected from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9, 2015.

EPA has shared this data with state, local and tribal officials in Colorado to assist them in their decisions regarding the on-going use of water resources. EPA plans to continue to monitor, analyze and share data for downstream river segments as it becomes available.

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From: Purchia, Liz  
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:48 AM  
To: Harrison, Melissa; Mylott, Richard  
Cc: Davis, Tim; Hull, George; StClair, Christie; Valentine, Julia; Colaizzi, Jennifer C.; Smith, Roxanne; Distefano, Nichole; Vaught, Laura; Fritz, Matthew; Smith, Paula; Reynolds, Thomas  
Subject: Re: Data tonight

Messaging and data are still coming for tonight.

Melissa will be sharing them shortly.

It still will need to be posted and sent out to media.

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From: Harrison, Melissa  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 10:27 PM  
To: Mylott, Richard  
Cc: Davis, Tim; Hull, George; StClair, Christie; Valentine, Julia; Purchia, Liz; Colaizzi, Jennifer C.; Smith, Roxanne; Distefano, Nichole; Vaught, Laura; Fritz, Matthew; Smith, Paula; Reynolds, Thomas  
Subject: Re: Data tonight

# **Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

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From: Mylott, Richard  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:53 PM  
To: Harrison, Melissa  
Cc: Davis, Tim; Hull, George; StClair, Christie; Valentine, Julia; Purchia, Liz; Colaizzi, Jennifer C.; Smith, Roxanne; Distefano, Nichole; Vaught, Laura; Fritz, Matthew; Smith, Paula  
Subject: RE: Data tonight

I'll send it just to be safe. If addresses get hit twice, then ok.

-----Original Message-----

From: Harrison, Melissa  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:49 PM  
To: Mylott, Richard  
Cc: Davis, Tim; Hull, George; StClair, Christie; Valentine, Julia; Purchia, Liz; Colaizzi, Jennifer C.; Smith, Roxanne; Distefano, Nichole; Vaught, Laura; Fritz, Matthew; Smith, Paula  
Subject: Re: Data tonight

Rich and Paula you guys can work together to decide how you want to distribute.

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 7:42 PM, Mylott, Richard <[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ok. In terms of press, will you push from there using the R8 list we sent yesterday or should we send from R8.

-----Original Message-----

From: Harrison, Melissa

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:38 PM

To: Davis, Tim

Cc: Hull, George; StClair, Christie; Valentine, Julia; Purchia, Liz; Colaizzi, Jennifer C.; Smith, Roxanne; Mylott, Richard; Distefano, Nichole; Vaught, Laura; Fritz, Matthew

Subject: Re: Data tonight

+Laura, Nichole, Tom, Matt

Yes, proper notification will need to take place.

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 7:32 PM, Davis, Tim <[Davis.Tim@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.Tim@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good to know, Melissa - thanks!

Do we have to inform congressionals tonight, as well? Just wanted to check on that.

Thanks,

Tim

-----Original Message-----

From: Harrison, Melissa

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:31 PM

To: Hull, George

Cc: StClair, Christie; Valentine, Julia; Purchia, Liz; Colaizzi, Jennifer C.; Smith, Roxanne; Davis, Tim

Subject: Re: Data tonight

+Tim

Thanks!

Looks like we will likely just push out CO data. Working on final language and data sets.

Will be in touch ASAP.

Really can't thank this team enough for all you're doing to support us!

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 7:28 PM, Hull, George <[Hull.George@epa.gov](mailto:Hull.George@epa.gov)> wrote:

Christy and Melissa,

Per our phone call tonight, Julia is standing by if we need to send out to media that we are releasing sampling data. If that is the plan, we will need confirmation that it has been posted before we can send out.

Also, Melissa, you said that I may need to sign off for the EOC. I'll alert Dana Tulis and Josh Woodyard who can give that approval. If I can't get them, then I'll sign off and we'll proceed forward and I'll explain it to them tomorrow. - George ( cell 202-631-6957).

Sent from my iPhone